

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 10, 2004  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Brown, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman Forrester, Councilman Gunnells, and Councilman Walker.

ABSENT: Councilman Norris

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Dan Evatt led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Judy Richardson gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Gunnells then made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2004, regular council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. After several corrections by Chairman Thomas, the motion carried 6-0-0 as amended with Councilman Norris absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. The first item on the agenda was Third reading of an ordinance to amend Section 804.4 of the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance—Temporary housing. A motion was made by Councilman Ray Gunnells to give third

reading to the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. The motion carried 4-2-0.

- b. The second item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County, South Carolina, for the parcel of land located on Highway 201 and identified by tax map numbers 082-00-00-031 and 082-00-00-082 and Tract C from Forest/Agriculture (FA) to Light Industrial (LI). Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve third reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- c. The third item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County, South Carolina, for the parcel of land located at 367 Olin Smith Road and identified by tax map number 035-00-00-124 from Forest/Agriculture (FA) to General Residential (GR). Councilman Walker made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion died due to a 3-3-0 tie with Councilmen Calhoun, Gunnells and Chairman Thomas in opposition to the motion.
- d. The fourth item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County, South Carolina, for the parcel of land located at 597 Pecan Road and identified by tax map numbers 108-00-00-116-117 from R-8 (One-Family Residential) to General Residential (GR). A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to give third reading to the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- e. The fifth item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance amending the Abbeville County Budget FY 03-04 by increasing the revenues for 405-370-37900-37910 (Miscellaneous Revenues Prior Year) by \$31,250 and appropriating same to 405-526-46515-33000 (Professional Services) for the Abbeville County Development Board. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to give third reading to the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- f. The sixth item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000 to match a Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) grant from 236-557-46520-70000 (Capital Projects) in the Infrastructure Development Millage Special Revenue Fund. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to approve third reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- g. The seventh item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance granting to HPI Acquisition Co., LLC, locally known as Charter Communications, permission to construct, operate and maintain a cable system upon, along, across, over and under the streets and public rights-of-way of the County of Abbeville, SC. A motion was made by Councilman Walker to approve second reading on this ordinance. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brown. After some discussion the motion carried 6-0-0.
- h. The eighth item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to approve second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- i. Second reading of an ordinance to amend Section 6.003 of the Code of Ordinances of Abbeville County concerning the adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to give second reading to the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**j. New Business**

- a. The first item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance establishing revenues and expenditures and adoption the Abbeville County Budget for FY 04-05. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brown to give first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b. The second item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Maps so as to change the zoning on Tax Map Number 054-00-00-225 from Forest/Agriculture (FA) to General Residential (GR). A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells to give first reading to this ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- c. The third item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Maps so as to change the zoning on Tax Map Number 006-00-00-051 from Forest/Agriculture (FA) to General Commercial (GC). Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the request.

Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- d. The fourth item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance to amend the FY 03-04 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating additional revenues from the prior year revenue (Fund Balance) and the expenditures thereof for the purchase of two additional ambulances. Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve first reading of the ordinance. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**k. Director's Report**

The County Director gave a brief overview of the new County telephone system, the budget and detail submitted to council, and a general recognition of Ms. Jane Hanna for receiving a South Carolina Economic Development School Scholarship.

**l. Committee Reports**

- a. Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Larry Walker. None
- b. Personnel and Administration—Ray Gunnells, Scott Brown and Claude Thomas. None
- c. Public Works—Larry Walker, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. Councilman Walker mentioned future meetings to be arranged with local water providers.
- d. Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Claude Thomas and John Calhoun. The Committee recommended that Charles F. Stone, District 1, be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. There being no need for a second, the motion carried 6-0-0. The Committee further recommended Steve Pettigrew to be appointed to the Development Board. There being no need for a second the motion carried 6-0-0. And finally, the Committee recommended that Earl Wright be appointed to the EMS Commission. There being no need for a second the motion carried 6-0-0.
- e. Planning and Industrial Development—Scott Brown, John Calhoun and Larry Walker. None
- f. Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. None
- g. Public Safety—David Forrester, Scott Brown and Billy Norris. None

Staff was instructed to draft a resolution honoring the gentleman that received the award from the Daughter's of the Confederacy.

**m. Executive Session**

Councilman Walker made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on Personnel, Contractual or legal matters. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Following the executive session Chairman Thomas said that no vote was take or necessary and reconvened the meeting.

**n. Adjournment**

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. The motion carried 6-0-0.